

BRIDGEPORT EVENING FARMER

(FOUNDED 1790.)

Published by The Farmer Publishing Co., 179 Fairfield Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.
DAILY... 50c month, \$5.00 per year || WEEKLY... \$1.00 per year in advancePHONE
BUSINESS
OFFICE
1908.PHONE
EDITORIAL
DEPARTMENT
1287.

FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES

Brant, Griffith & Fredericks, New York, Boston and Chicago

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1915.

THE DESTRUCTION OF THE LUSITANIA

THE SINKING of the Lusitania with many American passengers on board must inevitably make a feeling of hostility toward Germany in this country, that did not exist before. Blood is thicker than water, and many will be aggrieved that the lives of so many fellow citizens should have been lost.

Nevertheless the international situation is not in theory any different or any more aggravated than the situation created by the sinking of the Gulfight.

The United States will be as much aggrieved over the unlawful killing of one American citizen by a belligerent, as over the killing of many. The wrong consists not in the taking of the life or lives, but in the aggression against the honor of the country.

Indeed the lives lost upon the Gulfight are more a matter of national concern, because the Gulfight was an American ship, carrying only gasoline to a destination not a part of the armed forces of the enemy.

But the Lusitania was a British ship, flying the British flag, loaded with hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of ammunition, to be used, presumably in the war.

Moreover no special warning was extended before the Gulfight was sunk, while the attack upon the Lusitania was preceded by warning advertisements in every important New York newspaper, and the individual passengers, or many of them, received letters of warning, though it can scarcely be said that these added any force to the notification by all the belligerent powers, that the waters through which she was to make part of her voyage were dangerous.

It remains the fact that the sinking of contraband carriers, without putting the passengers and crew in a place of safety, is an innovation in modern warfare—one of many innovations—and is a matter for the diplomatic consideration of this country and the belligerents.

The dignity, honor, peace and safety of the country, in this, as in other situations demanding diplomatic attention, is safe in the hands of President Wilson and Secretary Bryan. American citizens will wait upon the action of their government, with determination to support it, whatever its decision may be.

It may be added, though the caution seems scarcely necessary, that as yet the cause of the sinking of the Lusitania is not officially known. The presumption is strong that she went to the bottom after two torpedoes had been hurled against her from a submarine. But it will well enough to wait for more facts, and for the official statements of the belligerent powers.

Upon the theory that the Lusitania was torpedoed, it will appear that what has been said about her being too fast a boat to be reached by a submarine, was unsound. Indeed to those familiar with methods of submarine warfare this theory was without standing, for the way of a submarine is to lie in wait until her prey is in range, and then the fatal shot is fired. The speed of the victim, may serve only to bring it, earlier to the fatal blow.

That so many Americans should have been victims will bring sorrow to every heart. The sorrow of Bridgeporters will go out especially to those who have been lost of the city's citizenship, though it is to be hoped later reports will show all are among the saved.

GETTING THE FULL VALUATION

THE ESTEEMED Courant proposes as a check on property valuation for taxation that the owner should be required to receive in condemnation proceedings the amount set down in his tax list. The procedure wouldn't be popular, though it might be just, provided, of course that property added to, or subtracted from the estate, after the list was made, but before the condemnation, should be considered.

GREAT BRITAIN'S WAR DEBT

AS THE RESULT of a year of war Great Britain's national debt has doubled. During twenty years of the Napoleonic wars Great Britain's debt increased about two and one-half times.

Yet the greatness of the burden is less now than it was then. The productivity of the world has wonderfully increased since Napoleon hurled his battalions against Europe. The debt growing out of this war will be easier borne than the debt which followed the Napoleonic wars.

COMPLEXITIES OF SUBMARINE WARFARE

ONE OF THE difficulties of neutrals in submarine warfare is the difficulty of knowing whose submarine did it. The presumption will be strong that if the ship was bound for a French, or British port, with goods for France or Britain, that the sinking was by a German torpedo. But the reasoning is not conclusive. It is difficult also to determine whether a ship is sunk by a torpedo, or by a mine. It is probably at this moment not known whether the great battleship, Audacious, ran into a mine, or was torpedoed.

Europe serves notice to all neutrals that European waters are dangerous. Dangerous they are, indeed, and neutrals will take heed accordingly.

JAPAN AND CHINA

JAPANESE RELATIONS with China must soon come to a climax. The result will probably be yielding upon the part of the Republic to the demands of Japan.

Sooner or later it must occur that there will be a clash between Japan and China which will not be composed by diplomacy and concession. There are 400,000,000 in China and only 50,000,000 in Japan. The latter are ahead in European methods and in warlike preparation, but the former are a highly intellectual people, of large natural powers, and awakening pride. The intellectual ferment, which has resulted in the Republic, betrays the arrival of a national feeling which must ultimately determine China to be the master of its own destiny.

The United States need not be much concerned with the relations between the two empires. The effect of the situation in this country, if there is any, will be to lessen the friction be-

tween ourselves and Japan, growing out of the California land laws.

In China, the Japanese will find room for that expansion which they so much need, and which is the cause of Japanese immigration to the United States.

THE TRIBUTE TO EDISON

IT WAS AN earned tribute the Civic Forum paid to Thomas A. Edison, in Carnegie Hall, Thursday evening. Edison is among those whom the people delight to honor. He has contributed largely to a number of things which make life pleasant, or easier, for everybody. He has improved the telegraph, fathered the incandescent light, and made the phonograph in all its forms a blessing to the world. To him the moving picture owes much, and the picture that moves and talks is another wonder that has flowed from his brain. He has improved storage batteries, devised better methods of making cement, and better methods of turning the cement into houses for people to live in.

Mr. Edison's contributions to democratic ideals have been large. The keynote behind much of his work is his desire to place costly things at the disposal of the masses. This feeling led him to devote much time to making houses from poured cement. The impulse he gave to the housing movement has already brought many advantages.

His purpose in improving moving pictures and in making them talk has been to place the finest things in the drama before the vast numbers of the people, for a sum within the means of everybody.

In Edison is such a man as arrives but once in a generation. Everybody is glad because at 70 years he is in good health, working every day, and apparently at the height of his intellectual power.

CORPORAL DART IS INJURED AT FISHERS ISLAND

Bridgeporter at War School Suffers Crushed Thumb Handling Big Gun.

(Special to The Farmer.)
Fort H. G. Wright, Fishers Island, N. Y., May 8.—The first accident to any of the student officers and men here happened Thursday when Corporal Dart of the 4th company while at drill at Battery Clinton caught his left thumb in the breech block of one of the 12 inch mortars. The thumb was so badly cut and torn that it was sent to the hospital to have it dressed. For the remainder of the practice Dart was a spectator.

The unusual hour for rising here, long before the accustomed time of the majority of most of the men makes the days seem much longer. Thursday night the members of the corps received an official visit from Lieut. Col. Barrett, the commandant of the post here.

Yesterday drills were resumed by the 4th and 11th company officers and men at the Mortar battery at Battery Clinton and by the 1st, 2nd and 3rd companies at Battery Dutton. Yesterday afternoon there was practice in dismantling the breech blocks on guns and mortars and the gas pressure drills. Today the instruction will be in blending powder and loading and marking wheels.

In the enlisted men's camp each squad from each Bridgeport company is commanded by Lieut. Sergt. Hermann in charge of the 11th company tent, Sergt. Latham of the 14th company tent and Sergt. Deans of the 4th company. Except for the slight accident to Corporal Dart, Thursday all members of the Bridgeport companies are reported in good health. Several minor cases of illness are reported from enlisted men in the other companies.

Corporal Payne, Private O'Connor and Sileo of the 11th company have decided not to take the U. S. War Department examinations Monday and they will return to Bridgeport Sunday afternoon or Monday morning. Capt. Louis J. Brague of the 11th company also plans to return home Sunday afternoon or Monday morning.

Capt. Brague and Capt. Connor were in charge of the fire control section at the armory practice. Lieut. Philip Bronson was No. 2 man in the fire control section. Lieut. Thompson was No. 4 man in the gun section.

Lieut. H. H. Griswold was in charge of the fire control section at the mortar batteries.

Simplicity Will Be Keynote of Program of Memorial Day

Simplicity and solemnity will mark the observance of Memorial day under municipal auspices, this year. Arrangements for the celebration were made at a meeting last evening of the committee representing the common council, Elias Home, Jr., post, G. A. R., the Sons of Veterans, the Spanish War Veterans, the Coast Artillery corps, and the Naval Reserves.

The \$1275 appropriation by the city, the Grand Army members will have discretion in the expenditure of \$1,100. The Spanish War Veterans will have \$25, and an appropriation of \$25 is provided for refreshments for the militiamen who take part in the parade.

WILLARD MACK OFF TO THE COAST TO DIRECT MOVIE

Willard Mack, author of "Kick-In," and "So Much For So Much," two Broadway successes of this season, who spent last week in the Bridgeport hospital suffering from injuries received while on a visit in this city, was discharged from that institution the early part of this week. Mr. Mack started for Los Angeles, Cal., where he expects to remain four weeks supervising the production of a moving picture for which he has written the scenario. On his return to New York, he will begin rehearsals for his new play, Miracle Mary, in which it is rumored some people not unknown to Bridgeport are to have important parts. The play will probably open in the summer or early fall in New York.

HARBOR HAPPENINGS

The British schooner Nevis arrived in the harbor this morning from Noel, N. S., with a load of lumber for the Frank Miller Lumber Co. She was in command of Capt. C. N. Hines and carried 158,300 feet of spruce.

Judge Urges School As Social Center Movement Here

The school as a social center movement was urged last night by Judge Robert S. Carey when he spoke on "Commission Government" before an audience at the South church. He told of the manner in which it is working successfully in Jersey City and the community spirit that has been developed.

Judge Carey argued for greater system in the city government, fewer men so that they can all be watched at once by the public, greater interest by the public and the right of recall.

Foresters Will Have Brilliant Parade on Eve of Grand Court

Final arrangements for the grand court of the Foresters of America, here next Wednesday and Thursday, were made at a meeting last evening. One of the most interesting features will be a parade, following the banquet at the Stratfield, Wednesday evening. The banquet will be the first important event in the gathering of members of the order from throughout the state.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Julia Rogers Beach of Milford gave a most charming reading of "My Heart in the Assembly room of the Hotel Stratfield last evening. The audience was a large and appreciative one which heartily applauded the splendid work of the talented young reader. Miss Beach was assisted by Miss Helen Root, pianist, whose ability is recognized in this section. A number of prominent residents of Milford were the patrons and patronesses for the recital.

Mrs. R. M. Olmstead of Broad street, Stratford, who has been a cashier with the D. M. Read Company for a number of years, will discontinue her duties with the concern this evening. A group of Mrs. Olmstead's girl friends held a corn-fest and party shower on her while coming to the city this morning with the result that not only Mrs. Olmstead but all the passengers of the trolley car were much covered with the small brightly colored bits of paper. The general merry-making continued until the center of the city was reached and as the happy group left the car they informed the other passengers that the festivities were to be continued further.

Y. W. C. A.

The 21st annual meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association will be held Tuesday evening at the Association rooms, 1087 Broad street. The election class will contribute to the evening's program in an interesting way. The secretaries reports will be presented briefly, and the regular business transacted. The speaker of the evening will be L. E. Jallade of New York city who will give an illustrated talk on "Bridgeport's New Y. W. C. A. Building." All members and friends are invited to hear him. Tuesday afternoon and evening there will be an opportunity to see the exhibition of hats and gowns, also the children's sewing, embroidery, bird collection, and the nurses' contribution of necessities for the sick room.

"BRIDGEPORT DAY" FOR LAFAYETTE CONSISTORY

Celebration of "Bridgeport day" by Lafayette consistory, A. & A. S. B., here yesterday at a special gathering at Scottish rite hall, was marked by the exemplification of the 21st, 27th and 225 degree in full ceremonial form. A banquet was served at 6:30 in Masonic hall.

NEW PLAY AT LYRIC TO INTRODUCE WELL KNOWN PLAYERS IN NEW ROLES

"The Woman's Law," a new play by Meravene Thompson, will try out in Bridgeport next week at the Lyric theatre. Miss Madeline Traversa, who recently played the lead in both the production and picture of "Three Weeks," will star in the play which is said to be a four act emotional drama. Fred Eric who has played leads with Maude Adams, Julia Marlowe and a number of other well known actresses, will play opposite Miss Traversa. Master Thomas Carahan, a child actor whose ability is widely recognized, will also have a large part in the play. George Wagstaff is the producer. The company has been rehearsing in New York.

FUNERAL DESIGNS AND BOUQUETS

JOHN RECK & SON

Yuan Shih Kai,
China's President,
Also Army Head

YUAN SHIH KAI IN THE FIELD

In the event of hostilities between China and Japan Yuan Shih Kai, the president of China, would be in actual command of the Chinese army. In the accompanying illustration Yuan Shih Kai is shown in field uniform.

BRIDGEPORT DELEGATES TO N. E. O. P. CONVENTION

John E. Lyday, James L. Christie, Mrs. Jennie Gilbert and Wallace A. Smith comprise the list of delegates from the local branch of the N. E. O. P. to the Supreme lodge convention which will open in Boston on Tuesday, May 11. Considerable important business will come before the convention which is expected to continue two days or longer.

WHEELS WHEELS

You had better look up that wheel while our assortment is good. We have many colors and models to select from.

ALL WHEELS GUARANTEED

The Viking made by the Pope Mfg. Co., represents the very best value in a \$22.50 WHEEL

The Barnes we have found in our 20 years experience to be the very best value for the money.

\$25.00

Then again for the boys that want an up-to-date wheel, with the Stand, Roller Chairs, Mo Bike Bars, Oil-proof Tires, etc., we will show you the Adlake.

\$24.50

THE ALLING RUBBER CO.

1126 MAIN STREET

Sweet Pea Brush, Bean Poles, Onion Sets, Flower, Garden and Field Seeds, Lawn Mowers, Grass Shears, Sickles, Hedge Shears, Border Wire, Plant Sticks, Wheel Hoes, Seed Drills, Dairy Supplies at

Farmer's Supply & Roofing Co.

256 MIDDLE STREET.

The D. M. Read Co.

Established 1857

Her Laces! Her Chiffons!



The joy with which the June bride may look over the profusion of Laces and Chiffons will be quite unalloyed. The same might be said of any other woman with the feminine fancy for lace—and there is nothing like Lace.

One may revel in diaphanous and lovely frocks, in ruf-

fled and be-flounced petticoats and in fairy-like blouses, with all the other cobwebby adornments the heart of woman approves.

All-over Laces

A term that covers a wide assortment, in cream, white, black and flesh tints. For blouses and lace jackets.

Carrick-ma-Cross All-overs, at \$1.00 and \$1.25
Edges and Bands, 20 to 39 cts

Edges and Bands.

French and German Valenciennes Sets.
Point Venise Edges in cream and white.

Genuine Cluny Laces of great beauty. Flouncings with net tops and lace edges.

Chiffon Cloth

For Neglige Robes, for the frivolous Boudoir Jackets and Caps, for waists and dresses. All color shades. Princess Chiffons in evening shades.

Embroidered Flouncings

In Voiles, Crepes, Cotton Marquisettes and Organdies, matched widths for skirts.

Narrow Embroidery for collars, white and colored edges.

Main floor.

The D. M. Read Company.

RADFORD B. SMITH

FAIRFIELD AVE. VARIETY STORE BROAD ST.
CO-OPERATIVE—CAR FARE FOR CUSTOMERS
PROFIT SHARING WITH EMPLOYEES

COUPON GOOD MONDAY, MAY 10

BLEACHED
TURKISH TOWELS

With Coupon
7½c

This is the best Turkish Towel you ever saw at this price.

Money can be saved by coming here for Turkish and Huck Towels, Linen Crashes, etc.

Goods sent or car fare paid on purchases of one dollar and upwards.

The Secret of a Good Figure
often lies in the braçiere. Hundreds of thousands of women wear the **Bien-Jolie** Braçiere for the reason that they regard it as necessary as a corset. It supports the bust and back and gives the figure the youthful outline which fashion desires.

BIEN-JOLIE
BRAÇIERES

are the delectable, most serviceable garments imaginable. Only the best of materials are used—for instance, "Washin", a flexible bonding of great durability—absolutely rustproof—permitting laundering without removal.

They come in all styles, and your local Dry Goods dealer will show them to you on request. If he does not carry them, he can easily get them for you by writing to us. Send for an illustrated booklet showing styles that are in high favor.

BENJAMIN & JOHNES
90 Warren Street Newark, N. J.

SUMMER MILLINERY.

We have received a very choice and attractive assortment of Trimmed and Special Novelties for the Season's Wear at popular prices.

W. E. HALLIGAN

989 BROAD STREET.

CARDS FOR ALL THE NEAR FOLKS. CARDS FOR FOLKS AFAR.
CARDS TO SEND TO DEAR FOLKS—NO MATTER WHERE THEY ARE.
Step inside 11 Arcade to get them. "Isn't very far. This is what to ask for: "A DAVIS 'QUALITY' CARD"

POST OFFICE NEWS STORE
11 Arcade Only a Short Distance from Main Street

THE PEOPLE'S DAIRY
130 State Street

BUTTER
FRESH FROM THE COUNTRY
Tel.—GEO. A. ROBERTSON—583

ADVERTISE IN THE FARMER